



# ***NEXT STEPS GUIDE***

**HOW YOU CAN FOLLOW JESUS BETTER**



**REDEEMER**  
CHURCH

# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

## ***WHY DOES THE NEXT STEPS GUIDE EXIST?***

**This Next Steps Guide exists to help you grow in your faith by helping you answer the question,  
"WHAT IS MY NEXT STEP?"**

## ***HOW DO I USE THE NEXT STEPS GUIDE***

1. **START WITH PRAYER** - Prayerfully consider where you are in your faith journey, where you want to go, and what next steps God might be calling you to take.
2. **THIS IS A TOOL** - This guide is simply a tool to help guide you, and resource you as you take your next step. It is not all encompassing of every next step nor will every step be the best next step for you.
3. **THIS IS NOT A CHECKLIST** - The Next Steps Guide is about Spiritual Maturity, not checking off a list to be a 'good Christian'.
4. **LET US KNOW** - We want to celebrate with you and cheer you on! Let us know when you take a next step by scanning the QR Code below.



# WHAT'S MY NEXT STEP?

**At Redeemer Church we believe Jesus changes everything, and so we exist to follow Jesus, lead others to Jesus, and change the world.**

But what does that mean and what does that look like for you? We believe that every single person has a next step to take in their faith journey, whether you have been following Jesus your entire life or you aren't sure about Jesus just yet. There is always one more step you can take to walk closer to Christ.

The Discipleship Pathway at Redeemer Church was created to help you on that journey as you grow in your faith. This pathway breaks down into four main categories most people experience in their journey to follow Jesus:



In each of these areas there are next steps to help guide and move you toward maturity in faith.

# ***BELONG***

***WE WANT YOU TO  
BELONG TO THE BODY  
OF CHRIST. THE  
CHURCH IS MORE THAN  
A BUILDING, IT'S A  
FAMILY OF PEOPLE  
FOLLOWING JESUS  
TOGETHER. WE WANT  
YOU TO BELONG TO  
THE FAMILY.***



## ***SOME NEXT STEPS YOU MIGHT TAKE TO BELONG***

- Make it to church 4 Sundays in a row or for an entire message series
- Sing out loud in worship for the first time
- Come to the next Welcome Dinner and learn more about Redeemer
- Vocally or physically respond to a message/sermon when prompted, ie. say "Amen" outloud.
- Talk to people you don't know at church - be a friend
- Schedule a meeting with a pastor or mature Christian to discuss my faith
- Decide to Partner with the church
- Make a decision to follow Christ (and share that decision with someone else)
- Attend a baptism class and get baptized
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***WELCOME DINNER***



### ***FOLLOWING JESUS***



### ***PARTNERSHIP***



### ***BAPTISM***



# CONNECT



**WE WANT YOU TO  
CONNECT TO THE BODY  
OF CHRIST. CONNECT TO  
JESUS AND THE CHURCH  
FAMILY AT REDEEMER  
CHURCH BY SERVING ON  
A TEAM OR BEING A  
PART OF A GROUP.**

## ***SOME NEXT STEPS YOU MIGHT TAKE TO CONNECT***

- Join a Growth Group
- Attend a church event
- Join a Serve Team and serve when asked
  - Connect Team
  - Worship Team
  - RedeemerKids Volunteer
  - Redeemer Nursery Volunteer
  - Student Ministry Volunteer
  - Communion Team
  - Music Team
  - AV Team
  - Prayer and Care
  - Creative Team
- Serve with a Do Good project
  - Don Jeter Elementary School
  - The Well
  - Sisters of the Thread Crochet Group
  - Do Good Works Team
  - Ukraine Ministry
  - Zoe Empowers
- Make a new friend from church who loves Jesus
- Ask someone to be my prayer partner
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***GROUPS***



### ***SERVE TEAMS***



### ***THE DO GOOD PROJECT***



# ***GROW***

**WE WANT YOU TO GROW  
WITHIN THE BODY OF  
CHRIST. GROW IN YOUR  
FAITH THROUGH A  
GUIDED SPIRITUAL  
ASSESSMENT AND  
CONTINUALLY TAKING  
YOUR NEXT STEPS.**



## ***SOME NEXT STEPS YOU MIGHT TAKE TO GROW***

### **Beliefs**

- Join a Bible Study or Life Class
- Spend 15-30 daily doing a regular Bible reading and prayer time
- Journal my prayers and record God's answers
- Commit to a Bible reading plan
- Memorize at least four new scripture verses
- Take time to study, learn, and answer a question about your faith that's been on your mind. Share your answer with somebody

### **Virtues**

- Be vulnerable and accountable in my life with another Christian
- Reach out to a Christian Counselor or Pastor about my relational, emotional, or mental health challenges
- Drink less alcohol, stop cursing, eat healthier and/or exercise regularly, and determine specifically how I'm going to do those things
- Pray and commit to my own next 'grow' step

### **Practices**

- Take sermon notes and personally reflect on my own faith
- Partner with a Growth Guide
- Pray out loud with other people
- Apply Biblical principles to my finances
- Begin tithing or giving a percentage towards a tithe
- Attend a marriage retreat with my spouse
- Compliment my spouse everyday
- Learn and take next steps in a spiritual discipline
- Intentionally pray and fast
- Discover and write out my faith story
- Listen to a sermon from a worship service you don't attend
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

### ***CURRENT STUDIES***



### ***GROWTH GUIDES***



# GO



**WE WANT YOU TO GO INTO THE WORLD AND SHARE CHRIST. TAKE THE MISSION OF REDEEMER CHURCH TO YOUR HOME, WORK, COMMUNITY, AND THE WORLD.**

## ***SOME NEXT STEPS YOU MIGHT TAKE TO GO***

### **Family / Home**

- Lead a family Bible reading and prayer time
- Share my faith story with my children
- Invite a family over for dinner that you would like to invite to church
- Host a block party or cul de sac playgroup for kids to connect with friends and meet other families
- Pray for the Zoe group each night at dinner
- Invite my children's friends to come to church with us
- Commit to a family service opportunity like The Well, Thanksgiving baskets, Angel Tree or something in the community
- Improve relationships with family members, neighbors, and coworkers
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **Community and World**

- Invite someone I met to church
- Invite a neighbor to a church event
- Pray for someone to come to faith in Christ
- Share my faith story with someone
- Forgive someone (you have a grudge against)
- Consciously build relationships with people
- Help LEAD (taking ownership of a project/outreach/activity/event) at church
- Visit a homebound person on a regular basis
- Volunteer to babysit for a single parent on a regular basis
- Volunteer to tutor or help in a classroom at a local school
- Look for yard signs (babies, graduations, etc.) in your neighborhood and share notes of encouragement and prayer
- Share sermons on social media with a comment about what it meant to you
- Intentionally offer kind or encouraging words to someone in-person or on a card or on social media at least once a week

# WHAT'S MY NEXT STEP?

USE THIS SPACE TO BRAINSTORM AND  
WRITE DOWN THREE NEXT STEPS YOU  
PLAN TO TAKE IN THE NEXT YEAR.

## MY NEXT STEPS

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

